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Amdt. Dated 12/20/2005
Response to Restriction Requirement of November 22, 2005

Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 22, 2005 and solely in order to further prosecution of the application, Applicants have elected the claims of group III characterized by the Examiner without traverse and respectfully requests that claims 30-42 be examined together in the present application. In addition, Applicants have withdrawn claims 1-29 and 43-55 and added new claims 56-59.

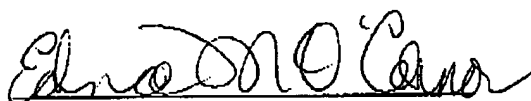
Notwithstanding this request for restriction, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the characterization of the invention(s) and/or claims set forth in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected group claims of I, II, and IV at a later time.

It is believed that no fee is required for this filing. If this belief is not true, please charge the appropriate amount to Deposit Account 03-2316.

If there are any questions, or if prosecution can be expedited in any manner by a telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants representative at the below telephone number.

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